

## **PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT NOTICE**

### **Boil Water Order**

Issued for

### **Cinnamon Springs Dev Water System Big Sky Area**

**PWS ID MT0001546**

The water system serving Cinnamon Springs recently violated a drinking water standard. Testing in May 2008 confirmed the presence of E. Coli bacteria in our drinking water. A **BOIL WATER ORDER** was issued **5/22/2008**.

Water samples taken on **6/23/2008** confirmed the presence of total coliform bacteria in the water supply serving CINNAMON SPRING DEV WATER SYSTEM. The **BOIL WATER ORDER** REMAINS IN EFFECT.

#### **What should I do? What does this mean?**

- **DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST.** Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for one minute, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation until further notice. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.
- Fecal coliforms and E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, and people with severely compromised immune systems.
- The symptoms above are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice. People at increased risk should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

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